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SUBJECT: CEP: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO NATO CEP DIRECTO-
RATE FOR WINTEX/CIMEX-79 PREPARATION

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1. WE UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE SIZE OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) AND AGREE THAT IF INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CURRENT STAFFING PATTERNS WERE MADE, MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE CEP DIRECTORATE COULD BE ALLEVIATED. HOWEVER, AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE SUBJECT OF INTERNAL STAFF ADJUSTMENTS HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY INTRODUCED BY THE US IN THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC) AND OTHER FORA WITHOUT SUCCESS. SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, THIS SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED AGAIN DURING THE 13-14 DECEMBER PLENARY SESSION OF THE SCEPC.

2. WHILE WE ARE AWARE THAT THE SCEPC HAS INSTRUCTED ITS PLANNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (PB&CS) TO DEVELOP DETAILS OF PLAY AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 REFTEL, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASIC EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS THAT MUST BE DONE BY THE CEP IS, IN COOPERATION WITH SHAPE, HAS NOT ADVANCED
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SUFFICIENTLY FOR THE PB&CS TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED AT THIS TIME.

3. THE ALTERNATIVE STATED IN PARA 3 A, REFTEL, WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, ONE CONSULTANT POSITION FOR THE CEP DIRECTORATE HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE LONG RANGE DEFENSE

INITIATIVES AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IF AUTHORITY COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THAT COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER INCREASES TO SUPPORT CEP ACTIVITIES. ADDITIONALLY, SINCE FRANCE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN WINTEX/CIMEX-79 AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO BLOCK AN INCREASE FOR A CONSULTANT TO ACCOMPLISH A CIVIL PLANNING FOR WINTEX/CIMEX-79 IN THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE IT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO ATTEMPT THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ALTERNATIVE STATED IN PARA 3 B WOULD OFFER DIRECT BENEFITS IN THE CIVIL PLANNING FOR WINTEX/CIMEX-79 IF A KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPERT, SUCH AS MR. JOHN J. POLICASTRO, COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR WORK ON THE EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS. HOWEVER, THE NATO DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL (VILLALOBOS) HAS ADVISED US THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY NATO CAN FUND TRAVEL OR PER DIEM COSTS FOR A TEMPORARY SECONDMENT. SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THE EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS AND THE DETAILS OF PLAY ARE OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO FPA AND THE CIVIL DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING RAPID REINFORCEMENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION AGAIN BE GIVEN TO PROVIDE A US-FUNDED EXPERT/CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS FOR WINTEX/CIMEX-79.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS. GLITMAN

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